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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Applicant has reviewed the final Office Action mailed July 29, 2004, and appreciates the Examiner's comments therein.

In this Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-8, 10-17, and 20 under the judicially created doctrine of "obviousness-type double patenting," over claims 1-19 in U.S. Patent No. 6,676,246 to Anderson et al. Similarly, claims 9, 18, and 19 are rejected under the same doctrine over claims 1-19 in the '246 patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,309,052 to Prasad et al.

Since the '246 patent and the present Application are commonly owned by the same Assignee, Applicant submits herewith a "Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent." Applicant hereby authorizes the deduction of the required fee from and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1213.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that pending claims 1-20 stand in a condition for allowance. If any matter requires further attention, please contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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